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AMENDMENTS

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 8, line 32 with:

A preferred embodiment of the mop element of the invention is illustrated in Fig. 8. In this embodiment, the mop element 100 is a laminar structure, and comprises a compressible liquid absorbent member 101 having a support surface 102, which preferably is a generally planar surface. Overlying at least a portion of the support surface is a flexible, relatively tough inner layer 104, which preferably is made of plastic, such as polypropylene. The inner layer 104 is adapted to overlie a mop element support 106 (partially shown in Fig. 8). The inner layer 106 104 may be continuous, but is preferably discontinuous across the central transverse axis 107 of the mop element 100, and preferably includes spacing ribs 109 on at least a portion thereof.

